

Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
Tuesday, February 5, 2013

6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Steve Wiseman, Luke Grant and Diane McElligott present. Also present, Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Attorney Joseph Cove.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 24, 2013 Board Meeting were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Campanelli: The Board acknowledged they are unable to discuss the issues. Another Executive Session is set for Thursday February 7, 2013 with the Board of Selectmen.

Reilly Property: Chairman Wiseman stated that before this Board can consider purchasing the property they have to first; Vote to acquire the land and second; determine and vote on how to pay for it. After further discussion, Commissioner McElligott motioned to endorse the acquisition of the Reilly property and to advise the Town Manager this Board is requesting that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to the Reilly Trustees informing them the Town is executing its right of first refusal. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Diane McElligott – aye

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Wiseman – No

So Voted.

Commissioner McElligott stated a meeting with the Finance Committee / liason should be scheduled to discuss financing options.

Attorney Cove informed the Board that once the Town executes its right of first refusal (sends the proposed sales agreement to the Reilly Trustees) the Trustees sign the agreement and return it to the Town, that starts the 90-day time period to finance and close.

Weston & Sampson-Updates: Fran submitted spreadsheets on the Mansfield WWTF Expansion & Upgrade Costs to Norton with and without Wheaton College. (attached).

IMA: Fran further discussed the issues he has with year 2017 (District budget costs)he said he thinks he made his point to Mansfield and they now understand it. He recommended a few options including an O&M increase by % for all three towns across the board OR increase once full capacity is reached. The issue will be further discussed by the committee.

Next IMA Meeting: Tuesday February 19th at 6:00pm.

Joe Cove discussed Article 97 stating DEP will not get involved or render an opinion, their position; it's a Town Counsel issue. He did contact the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and is awaiting a response.

Budgets: Both water and sewer budgets were discussed. Unconfirmed figures include Indirect Costs, New/Additional Debt Payments, Mansfield Treatment Plant Costs and anticipated revenues. After a preliminary review Commissioner Grant proposed a 4.25% increase in the second and third tier water rates per 100/cf for budgeting purposes to later be voted at a Public Hearing if sufficiently defended. Commissioner McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:
Luke Grant – aye
Diane McElligott – aye
Steve Wiseman – aye
So Voted.

The Board agreed the sewer rates may have to be adjusted once Bond / Debt Payments are determined.
Water and Sewer Budgets were tabled until the next meeting.

Superintendent's – Updates: Repairs at the Red Mill Village pump station have been delayed, the wrong impeller was shipped.
Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the punch list items for the Norton Glen Sewer Installation Project are complete and recommended the Board accept the sewer main.
Commissioner Grant motioned that the Board accept the sewer main on East Main and Newland Streets installed by the owners of Norton Glen. Commissioner McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:
Luke Grant – aye
Diane McElligott – aye
Steve Wiseman – aye
So voted.

Commissioner McElligott motioned that letters be sent out to property owners abutting the sewer main on East Main Street and Newland Street as well as Keith Drive and Keene Way notifying them of the two year tie-in By-Law. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:
Diane McElligott – aye
Luke Grant – aye
Steve Wiseman – aye
So voted.

Commissioner McElligott asked Mr. Knapp to get those letters out as soon as possible.

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Commissioner Wiseman regretfully informed his Board Members and those present that he will be unable to run for re-election in April. He stated with the increasing and time consuming responsibilities at work he didn't feel he would be able to commit the time and dedication this position requires and deserves. Although he won't be on the Board he will continue to support and be as involved as time allows. He stated he was proud of the work and accomplishments of this Board and it was an honor to be a part of it.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read. Commissioner Wiseman questioned a bill from Kopelman & Paige and stated we agreed to pay litigation costs if the case ended up in court and directed Mr. Knapp to discuss this issue with Mr. Yunits.

Next meeting Tuesday February 19, 2013 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:15pm.